

# CHENANGO 4-H SNAPSHOT

## BEST WISHES KRISTI

Kristi has been an integral part of our 4-H family, dedicating her time, energy, and heart to empowering young people and strengthening our communities. We thank her for her efforts in 4-H youth development. Through her work with 4-H, Kristi has inspired countless youth to “learn by doing,” helping them grow into confident, capable leaders. Whether it was organizing county fairs, leading workshops, mentoring volunteers, or simply being a steady presence behind the scenes, Kristi brought passion, creativity, and unwavering commitment to everything she touched. We’re excited for what lies ahead in her next chapter. Thank you, Kristi, for everything. You’ve left a mark that won’t fade. Wishing you all the best — and may your next adventure be just as meaningful and rewarding.



## 4-H ACHIEVEMENT DAY!

Come join the fun as we celebrate all of the 4-H'ers achievements on Sunday, Oct 5th, 2025 from 1:00 - 3:00pm at the Chenango County Fairgrounds.

Please bring a dish to pass, we will provide the paper products and beverages.

Get ready for some great information and for a fun time as Nicole leads our youth in some exciting games from AROUND THE WORLD.





# 4-H Spotlights

## 4-H AROUND CHENANGO COUNTY

Check out all of the 4-H programs that are happening around Chenango County! Nicole has planned a lot of programs so be sure to check them out!

If you have something fun you want to share please send in your article and pictures. We would love to include you in our next edition.



**Send your articles and pictures to Rhonda at: [rlt236@cornell.edu](mailto:rlt236@cornell.edu)**

### RIBBON WRANGLERS

The Ribbon Wranglers have been very busy. Back in June, we need to recognize their participation in the learn to sew program. At that time they all did an awesome job making trees by hand sewing buttons on for leaves. These kids do so much and always do everything whole heartily. A lot of the members also participated in the County Fair helping with fair clean up, showing their animals, showing their craft projects and they spent a day teaching fairgoers how to make lemonade. That turned out to be an awesome, refreshing project that was so much fun for everyone. This group is eager to try new things and always ready to give back to the community. Great job, Ribbon Wranglers!



### HIDDEN PONDS HORSE LOVERS

The Hidden Ponds Horse Lovers continue to participate in community service projects every month. In June, they filled pots of flowers that were distributed around the community to nursing homes, libraries, and county buildings. In August, the club made a donation to help Chapman Hall during the fair. September some members picked up garbage throughout their communities. Way to go Hidden Pond Horse Lovers!

Some of these members also showed crafts in the Case building, rode in the County fair horse show, participated in the parade and spent a day offering a craft to the fairgoers. Nice job!



### OUTDOOR COOKING

Outdoor cooking took the opportunity to give a demonstration of their cooking skills on Saturday, August 9th during the Chenango County fair. Three groups with a total of 8 young people cooked up a variety of tasty treats for the fairgoers to sample. These kids did a fantastic job! Some of the dishes they prepared included cinnamon buns, Mountain Man breakfast, apple dump cake, chili, Shepard's pie, and rice pudding. The amazing part of their cooking skill is that all the ingredients they use are made from scratch and cooked with cast iron over open fire with charcoal. It's not an easy task figuring out how much heat is needed in order to thoroughly and safely cook each item. These 4-H'ers experimented with different ingredients and spices to come up with what they used for their demonstration. They were allowed to make their own choices to share. They all did a fantastic job!





## CURIOUS KIDS

Members of the Curious Kids 4-H club took part in the Fenimore Farm Junior Livestock Show. These kids did an awesome job! During the Chenango County Fair this group had several members show animals, displayed crafts, and sold animals during the livestock auction.



## SHOOTING SPORTS

The Shooting Sports program is for 4-H youth ages 9 and up. This program meets every third Sunday. Its focus is to teach youth the fundamentals of firearm safety using archery, air rifles, .22 rifles, and air pistols. This program is expanding but with the growing numbers it is a challenge to have enough space for all that would like to attend. The instructors have come up with a rotating program in order to accommodate the participants. The volunteers in this program are reaching out to donors in order to purchase more updated equipment and safety gear for the coming program year.



## PATRIOTIC CRAFT NIGHT

On July 2nd, we hosted a festive and engaging craft night in celebration of the Fourth of July. Youth participants selected wooden crafts to paint, decorate, and personalize, allowing them to express their creativity in a hands-on way. Each child left with a unique patriotic craft to take home and enjoy for the holiday.



## NATIONAL BLUEBERRY MUFFIN DAY

Baking is more than just making tasty treats—it helps youth build essential life skills! For National Blueberry Muffin Day, 4-H and SNAP-Ed teamed up and taught 4-H'ers how to make nutritious whole wheat blueberry muffins while learning about the importance of "eating the rainbow." Programs like this one allow kids to practice math and science, develop patience and focus, express creativity, and gain confidence in the kitchen. The muffins came out delicious and the participants could not wait to make the recipe at home!



## OUTDOOR PREPAREDNESS 101 (TWO-PART COURSE)

On June 23rd and 30th, Nicole and Rich led 4-H youth through the basics of wilderness survival during the two-part Outdoor Preparedness 101 course. Participants learned what to pack in a daypack, how to navigate using a compass, fire-building basics, an introduction to wild edible plants, and more! Youth practiced teamwork by breaking into small groups to build shelters using only a tarp, stakes, rope, and a trekking pole. This engaging, hands-on program gave participants valuable outdoor skills while having fun outdoors.



## DOG TREATS FOR LOCAL ANIMAL SHELTERS

4-H'ers rolled up their sleeves on July 22nd for a heartwarming community service project - baking homemade dog treats for local animal shelters! During this program, kids learned basic kitchen skills, how to follow a recipe, measure ingredients, and work together in a fun, hands-on environment. The kids practiced teamwork to combine and mix together the ingredients, roll out the dough and use cookie cutters to create the dog treats. Afterwards, the treats were bagged up and were donated to the Chenango County SPCA.

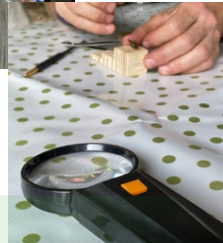


## SLIME SCIENCE

4-H'ers got to mix, stretch and squish during this hands-on Slime Science program. First, we explored the science behind slime, then kids had the opportunity to make their own fun, gooey creations. This was an absolute hit and our largest program, yet!

## BUG CLUB

The Bug club wrapped up on July 15th but there is one more event that we will be advertising to those bug enthusiasts. This event is called the Insectapalooza which is held on October 18th from 9am to 3pm in Stocking Hall on the Cornell Campus. A total of 13 youth participated throughout the 4 different meetings and came out to learn about insects. These youth learned many fun and educational things like bug yoga, how to identify different insects, parts of insects, how to gather insects, how to display their specimens, bug crafts, and even had tasty bug treats. The outcome of the Bug Club was exciting with at least 4 youth displaying their bug collections at the County Fair. Two of these displays were selected to go on to the New York State Fair.



## HIKING CLUB

Bad weather held off long enough for 4-H'ers to gather at Rogers Environmental Education Center on September 6th to kick off the first monthly Hiking Club, held on the first Saturday of every month. Each outing offers youth the chance to explore new trails while learning about hiking etiquette, mindfulness in nature, and local plants. It's a great way to stay active, build outdoor skills, and connect with the natural world—one hike at a time!



## BIRD WATCHING

4-H'ers gathered at Roger's Center on August 16th for a peaceful morning of nature exploration at Rogers Environmental Education Center in Sherburne. First, we explored the Bird Cabin, then enjoyed a leisure hike along the bridge and trails while learning to spot and identify local bird species. It was a great opportunity to connect with nature, practice observation skills, and enjoy the outdoors with fellow 4-H'ers.

## INSPIRATIONAL ROCK PAINTING

On September 10th, 4-H'ers had the opportunity to express their creativity and practice painting skills by decorating their own inspirational rocks. Together, we discussed the importance of sharing uplifting messages, brainstormed words, images, and designs, and then set to work painting rocks both big and small. Some of the finished rocks will brighten up the garden at CCE, while others were taken home to inspire family and friends.



## BLUEBERRY POPSICLE DAY

4-H'ers celebrated National Blueberry Popsicle Day on September 2nd with this fun and refreshing 4-H event! Kids learned the importance of healthy eating and active living while making their own nutritious blueberry popsicles. They practiced following a recipe, measuring ingredients, and making healthy choices—all while enjoying a tasty treat they created themselves!

**KIDS IN THE KITCHEN IS BACK!**

5:30-6:30PM

OCTOBER 14TH NOVEMBER 18TH

**JOIN NOW**

Contact Us  
607-334-5841  
Ext: 1132

Registration Link  
[https://apps.cce.cornell.edu/event\\_registration/main/admin/event\\_menu.cfm](https://apps.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/admin/event_menu.cfm)

## THE 4-H KIDS IN THE KITCHEN IS BACK! Starting Oct. 14th

This program is offered via Zoom (5:30-6:30pm) through Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chenango County, making it super accessible for young chefs to learn from home.

- Hands-on cooking lessons taught virtually
- Focus on healthy meals with fruits and vegetables
- Food pickup the day before at the CCE building in Norwich
- Family registration required, with adult supervision during sessions
- Free to participate, making it a fantastic community resource

**\*\*For information contact Whitney: 607-334-5841 Ex. 1132**  
**Please register: [https://apps.cce.cornell.edu/event\\_registration/main/admin/event\\_menu.cfm](https://apps.cce.cornell.edu/event_registration/main/admin/event_menu.cfm)**



# CHENANGO COUNTY FAIR



## CASE BUILDING AWARDS

Awards given for outstanding work in the area of:

Horticulture: Amon V.

Home Environment: Alice H.

Food & Nutrition: Sarina B.

STEM: Chas A.

Photography: Makayla C.

## BEST OF SHOW SEWING AWARDS

(In memory of Don & Barbara Hodge)

Maria F.

## MOST OUTSTANDING EXHIBITORS

(In memory of Barton & Charlotte Seager)

Sr. Most Blue Ribbons: Josephine P.

Jr. Most Blue Ribbons: Calista B.

## SEAGER BEST OF SHOW CASE BUILDING

(In memory of Barton & Charlotte Seager)

Best in Show Sr: Sophia B.

Best in Show Jr: Saro A.

## DECORATING CONTEST WINNERS

Dairy Cow Exhibit: Dickey, Hodge, Proskine Families

Beef Exhibit: The Wilcox Family

Goat Exhibit: Curious Kids 4-H Club

Poultry: Alexis S.

Sheep Exhibit: Aubree & Wesley B.

Rabbit Exhibit: Cotten Family

Case Building: Ribbon Wranglers

## 4-H'ER OF THE WEEK / SPORTSMANSHIP

Owen M.

Katie F.

## BEST DAIRY GOAT AWARD

Karter M.

## VOLUNTEERS OF THE WEEK

Rachel B.

Megan W.

## SUPER SHOWMANSHIP

**Participants:**

Dairy Cattle: Addison D.

Beef Cattle: Emily L.

Dairy Goats: Katie F.

Meat Goats: Jake B.

Swine: Julianna T.

Sheep: Amon V.

**Super Showmanship Champion:** Julianna T.



## TERRY HODGE MEMORIAL HOLSTEIN MASTER SHOWMANSHIP AWARD

Addison D.

## DON & BARBARA HODGE MEMORIAL PREMIER BREEDER / EXHIBITOR AWARDS

Brown Swiss Breeder / Exhibitor:

Addison D.

Holstein Breeder / Exhibitor: Lily M.

Milking Shorthorn Breeder / Exhibitor:

Zane L.

Jersey Premier Exhibitor: Elizabeth V.

## SHIRLEY PROSKINE MEMORIAL 4-H YOUTH DAIRY AWARD

Abby S.

Troy S.

Julianna T.

## THE GOLDEN BROOM AWARD HERDSMANSHIP

Dairy Goats: Hanahan Family

Meat Goats: Beckert Family

Dairy Cows: Windsor Acres

Beef: Holbert Family

Poultry: Sadie L.

Sheep: Wilcox Family

Swine: Tetrault Family

## CERTIFICATE of RECOGNITION CASE BUILDING HELPERS

Cheyenne C.

Molly G.

Sarina B.,

Sophia B.

## BEST LIVESTOCK ANIMAL

Jake B.

## CHAPMAN HALL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Emily A.

Jill B.

## NYSAAF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Adrianna H.

## HORSE SHOW

English Res. Champion - Jr: Addison D.

English Champion - Beginner: Amilee A.

English Res. Champion - Beginner: Kaylynn R.

Western Champion Jr: Rachel Su

Western Res. Champion Jr: Mariah L.

Gymkhana Champion: Charlotte H.

Gymkhana Res. Champion: Grace H.



# 4-Hers STAYING ACTIVE

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**ARTS AND CRAFTS**

**SHOOTING SPORTS**

**HORSEBOWL/HIPPOLOGY**

**DAIRY BOWL**

**BUG CLUB**

**KIDS IN THE GARDEN**

**PRESENTATIONS**

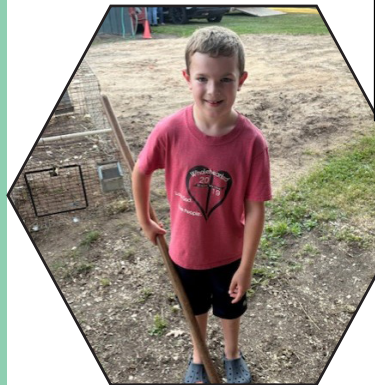
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**HIKING CLUB**

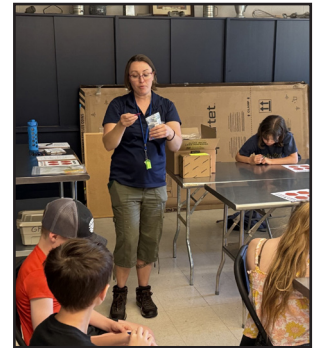
**ANIMAL PROJECTS**

**AND**

**MUCH MORE**









## 4-H MARK YOUR CALENDARS



For more information about the following programs and to register - Email Nicole at [nrs98@cornell.edu](mailto:nrs98@cornell.edu) or visit our Facebook page: Chenango County 4-H Youth Development. Check each event for the correct contacts.

### 4-H ENROLLMENT Begins October 1st

You can begin 4-H enrollment on Oct 1st! Please know that you have to enroll each year in order to participate in 4-H. We are asking that you do it all on 4-H online and not two separate places. Make sure you download your acknowledgement of risk, photo release, and code of conduct forms. **We ask volunteers to do a paper copy only.** These forms are on the CCE web page. If you have difficulty please contact: [rlt236@cornell.edu](mailto:rlt236@cornell.edu)

### 4-H HIKING CLUB October 4th, 9:00am – 11:00am

Join us for 4-H Hiking Club, meeting the first Saturday of every month at different parks and forests across Chenango County! Each outing offers youth the chance to explore new trails while learning about hiking etiquette, practicing mindfulness in nature, and identifying local plants. It's a great way to stay active, build outdoor skills, and connect with the natural world—one hike at a time!



### SPOOKY SLIME SCIENCE October 9th, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Get ready to mix, stretch, and squish! In this hands-on event, youth will explore the science behind slime while making a variety of fun, gooey creations. We'll dive into what makes slime slimy, experiment with different recipes, and learn about chemical reactions in a kid-friendly way. Best of all—everyone gets to take their slime home!



### AROUND THE WORLD COOKING – ITALY! October 17th, 4:30pm – 6:00pm

Join us for an exciting adventure as we explore Italy in this Around the World Cooking program! Fittingly, the program takes place on National Pasta Day. Youth will discover fun facts about Italy and learn about the many different types of pasta. Afterwards, we'll cook up a delicious pasta meal to enjoy together!



### CARVING PUMPKINS October 20th, 3:30pm – 5:00pm

Get into the fall spirit with our Pumpkin Carving event at CCE! Come design your own festive pumpkin—whether spooky, silly, or creative, the choice is yours. All pumpkins and carving supplies will be provided, and you'll take home your very own masterpiece to display for the season.



### GRATITUDE CRAFT NIGHT November 7th, 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Join us for an evening of creativity and kindness at Gratitude Craft Night! Together, we'll write heartfelt thank-you cards for local veterans and make gratitude jars to take home. It's a chance to reflect, share, and spread positivity while crafting with friends.



### PLANTING GARLIC November 12th, 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Dig in and learn how to grow your own garlic! In this hands-on program, youth will discover the best time and techniques for planting garlic, then head outside to plant cloves together. Everyone will leave with the knowledge to grow garlic at home and enjoy a tasty harvest next summer.



### HIPPOLOGY KICKOFF NOV. 15TH, 1:00-2:30PM

Any 4-H youth ages 5-18, come join the fun as we kickoff the Hippology / Horsebowl season with a field trip to the Gypsy Vanner Farm. If your 4-H'er loves horses and you would like more information about Hippology and Horsebowl or to sign up for this event contact Rhonda: [rlt236@cornell.edu](mailto:rlt236@cornell.edu)



### FIRE & SHELTER BUILDING November 20th, 4:00pm – 5:30pm, Ages 12+

Get ready for an outdoor adventure! In this hands-on program, 4-H youth will learn the essentials of survival—what it takes to safely build a fire, how to construct a sturdy shelter, and when to use these important skills. After learning the basics, participants will put their knowledge into practice and test out their new abilities.



## **NO-BAKE DESSERTS    November 25th, 4:00pm – 5:00pm**

Sweet treats without the oven? Yes, please! In this program, youth will learn how to make a variety of delicious no-bake desserts while exploring creative (and surprising!) ingredients like tofu. Participants will mix, chill, and taste their way through recipes that are fun to make and even more fun to eat.

## **PAINT YOUR OWN POTTERY    December 5th, 4:00pm – 6:00pm**

Join Nicole at Village Clay in Hamilton for a fun pottery painting experience! 4-H'ers will choose a piece of their own and pick their favorite colors to create a one-of-a-kind design. Spots are limited, so be sure to register early! A portion of the cost will be covered. Estimated cost per participant: \$5



## **HOLIDAY CARD CRAFT NIGHT    December 9th, 5:00pm – 6:00pm**

Get into the festive spirit at our Holiday Card Craft Night! Youth will create handmade holiday cards to share with family, friends, or community members. All supplies are provided—just bring your creativity and holiday cheer!



## **NATIONAL CUPCAKE DAY    December 15th, 4:00pm – 5:30pm**

Celebrate National Cupcake Day with us on December 15th! 4-H'ers will get hands-on in the kitchen, learning how to bake and decorate delicious cupcakes. Participants will practice basic kitchen skills, follow recipes, measure ingredients, and work together in a fun environment.



## **OUTDOOR COOKING (Ages 12 +) Oct. 11th, Nov. 8th, Dec. 13th, 10am-12pm**

The crisp fall weather is here, so 4-H'ers, get your taste buds ready for another round of delicious outdoor cooking. Mr. Richard is breaking out the recipes and heating up the cast iron for another outdoor cooking program. This program meets the second Saturday of every month. If you are interested in joining this program or would like **more information**, contact Richard: [turrellr@protonmail.com](mailto:turrellr@protonmail.com)



## **SHOOTING SPORTS (Ages 9+) Oct. 19th, Nov. 16th, Dec. 21st**

### **Third Sunday of every month**

The 4-H Shooting Sports program teaches youth the fundamentals of firearm safety using archery, air rifle and .22 rifles. Our newest instructors are now certified in air pistols so qualified youth will be able to add this to their experience. Please contact Richard to let him know you are coming or for **more information**. Richard: [turrellr@protonmail.com](mailto:turrellr@protonmail.com)



## **HOLIDAY COOKIES    December 23rd, 4:30pm – 6:00pm**

Celebrate the season with our Holiday Cookies program! Youth will bake and decorate festive cookies while practicing kitchen skills, teamwork, and creativity. Enjoy tasting your delicious creations and spreading some holiday cheer!



## **BOO BASH**

Get ready for some Halloween fun! On October 30th, from 4:00pm - 6:00pm we will be having a community event. This event is open to the public, taking place at CCE. 4-H along with community partners will be hosting this event. There will be arts and crafts, games, and so much more. We are inviting local organizations to take part in this autumn fun so please contact Nicole: [nrs98@cornell.edu](mailto:nrs98@cornell.edu) to sign up for a table. All others just come and join the fun!



# FENIMORE FARM JR. LIVESTOCK SHOW

## DAIRY CATTLE

Master Showman: Adrienne H.  
 Jr. Champion Ayrshire: Adrienne H.  
 Res, Jr. Champion Ayrshire: Taylor H.  
 Res. Jr. Champion Holstein: Adrienne H.  
 Jr. Champion & Res. Jr. Champion Brown Swiss:  
 Addison D.  
 Best Jr. Bred & Owned Brown Swiss: Addison D.  
 Grand Champion Brown Swiss: Elizabeth V.

## DAIRY GOAT

Res. Champion Alpine Milker: Skylar G.  
 Res. Champion Oberhasli Milker: Maria F.  
 Best Udder - Dairy Goat Show: Maria F.  
 Res. Champion Toggenburg Milker: Skylar G.  
 Champion Recorded Grade Milker: Skyler G.  
 Jr. Champion Nigerian Dwarf: Dylan P.  
 Best in Show Jr. Animal: Dylan P.  
 Jr. Champion Oberhasli: Jamie F.

## SHEEP

Champion Novice Showman: Jake B.  
 Res. Champion Southdown: Jake B.

## BEEF

Res. Novice Showman: Beth W.  
 Champion Feeder Steer: Emily H.  
 Best Bred & Owned Market Animal: Emily H.  
 Champion Simmental Heifer: Emily H.  
 Res. Champion Heifer: Emily H.  
 Champion Crossbed Cow-Calf Pair: Emily H.  
 Res. Supreme Champion Cow-Calf Pair: Emily H.

## MEAT GOAT

Champion Novice Showman: Caleb H.  
 Res. Champion Novice Showman: Emily L.

## SWINE

Res. Champion Novice Showman: EmmaJane B.  
 Champion Berkshire Breeding Gilt: EmmaJane B.



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NATIONAL 4-H WEEK Oct. 5th - 11th						
12	13 CCE Closed	14 Zoom Kids in the Kitchen 5:30-6:30pm	15	16	17 Around the World Cooking 4:30-6:00pm	18 Insectapalooza 9:00-3:00pm Cornell
19 Shooting Sports 1:00pm	20 Carving Pumpkins 3:30-5:00pm	21	22	23	24	25
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**If you have any questions about the events in this calendar, please  
contact Whitney at: [wdg43@cornell.edu](mailto:wdg43@cornell.edu)**

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LET'S PAINT THE NATION **GREEN**  
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 6!



## GO GREEN!

Help us celebrate National 4-H week. For the week of October 5th - 11th show your 4-H spirit in any creative way you can come up with. Send your photos and a brief write up to the office ([rlt236@cornell.edu](mailto:rlt236@cornell.edu)). Let's show that Chenango County is "Beyond Ready".

The club or individuals that do the most to show 4-H "Go Green" will have a chance to win a special prize.

Miss Whitney, Miss Nicole, and Miss Rhonda will continue to work hard keeping ideas coming your way, so send photos, we would love to know what you are up to! Send pictures and your articles to Rhonda:  
[rlt236@cornell.edu](mailto:rlt236@cornell.edu)